

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zaltron, U.S. Patent 6,898,824. Claim 1 has been amended to state that the hook contour embodies a single piece with one of the housing and actuating element. Zaltron fails to disclose a hook contour that embodies a single piece with one of the housing and the actuating element. For this reason, this rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 4-7 were rejected as claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Since claims 2 and 4-7 depend directly or indirectly from and contain all the limitations of amended claim 1, they are felt to overcome the obviousness rejection in the same manner as amended claim 1.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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